

Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board Minutes

Meeting - Monday April 27, 2026

Introduction:

Chuck Marinec, Chairman, called a meeting of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board to order on April 27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Self-introductions were made for recording purposes. The meeting was held at the Historic Courthouse, Room 309, 940 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri.

Board Members Present:

Chuck Marinec, Denny Pilant, Mike Jungers, Stephen Short, Robert Thurman, Mary Ellison and Sharon Forrester.

Board Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Tess Wroolie (Auditor's Office), Jim Barnes (Ash Grove Sunshine Center), Lisa Merriman (Jordan Valley Health), Ashley Popejoy (Jordan Valley Health), Mary Garcia (Jordan Valley Health), Regan Rogers (Jordan Valley Health), Shawn Hayden (Jordan Valley Health), Michelle Fields (The Arc of the Ozarks).

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March 23, 2026. Motion to approve made by Mike Jungers. Seconded by Mary Ellison. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

No Treasurer's report was presented at this meeting.

New Business:

Remaining grant funds were discussed by the Board. After reviewing the amount of awarded funds, it was determined that there is \$365,273.13 remaining. Requesting the \$300,000.00 contingency fund that was left out of this year's budget, but was traditionally a part of the annual budget, was brought to the table. Mary Ellison moved that the board requests the

additional \$300,000.00 contingency budget from the Greene County Commission. Seconded by Stephen Short. The motion carried.

Presentation: Jordan Valley Health – Lisa Merriman, Ashley Popejoy, Mary Garcia, Regan Rogers, Shawn Hayden

Amount Requested: \$200,000.00

Jordan Valley Health is requesting funds to provide both restorative and emergent dental services for uninsured and underinsured senior citizens who are residents of Greene County, Missouri. If awarded, these funds would enable the organization to provide dental services at a 100% discount to these senior citizens.

Jordan Valley Health is requesting \$200,000 for this project, which will be pooled into a single fund: \$175,000 for basic/restorative services and \$25,000 for emergency services. With these funds, we estimate we can serve 100 individuals in the calendar year 2026. This is an estimate based on our experience from previous years: the total number of individuals served will vary depending on whether their treatment is restorative or emergent. In the recently completed calendar year, we served a total of 62 patients.

Motion to approve Mary Ellison. Seconded by Sharon Forrester. Motion carried.

Presentation: Ash Grove Sunshine Center – Jim Barnes

Amount Requested: \$975.00

In February, 2026, the front door threshold was replaced by DH Pace Door Services. Over time, the original threshold had cracked under the pressure of heavy traffic, especially heavy loads of food from Ozark Food Harvest and other commodity providers. In December, 2025, a fifty percent down payment was made to cover the price of materials, as required by the contractor. It wasn't until February 25, 2026, that the work was actually done. The Sunshine Center paid DH Pace for the work, and we are asking for grant funds to reimburse the cost.

Motion to approve Denny Pilant. Seconded by Stephen Short. Motion carried.

Tabled: The Arc of the Ozarks & Springfield Symphony Orchestra

Presentations from The Arc of the Ozarks and Springfield Symphony Orchestra did not take place due to lack of representation at the meeting. They have been re-scheduled for the May meeting.

Motion to table Mike Jungers. Seconded by Denny Pilant. Motion carried.

Presentation: Republic Senior Center – Food Enhancement Grant

Amount Requested: \$10,500.00

Funds will be used for Food Enhancement to purchase food items, allowing us to improve meals offered at the Senior Center. This Senior Center has been operation for over 40 years.

We served almost 3000 meals in March.

Our primary goal is to purchase additional food to enhance the meals to be offered through the senior center. Without funding increases, Senior Age is not able to purchase many of the extras that seniors look forward to. With food prices increasing almost daily, the kitchen staff are stretching every dollar to meet nutritional needs.

Motion to approve Mike Jungers moved to adjourn. Seconded by Denny Pilant. Motion carried.

Communications:

Mike Jungers reported on collecting information and reporting in the Missouri Council on Ageing (MCoA) survey. The survey requested information such as: summary of our most recent annual expenditures, a breakdown of funding allocations by category, list or summary of grant awards or distributions for the reporting year, and any service data reported by grantees.

The Board discussed reviewing how food enhancement grant awards would be distributed in future years. More data may be requested from the applicants as well as reviewing how many meals are served and other such information that may help in determining the best way for the Board to issue the funding Stephen Short has volunteered to bring examples of how the Board may change their approach to this funding in future years at next month's meeting

Closing:

The meeting concluded at 10:58 A.M. Mike Jungers moved to adjourn. Seconded by Denny Pilant. Motion carried.

Next meeting is May 18, 2026 – Location: Historic Courthouse, Room 309.

Minutes submitted by: Tess Wroolie